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### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Awards Iowa \$8.8 Million for Homelessness Assistance Initiatives**

#### ***Federal Homelessness Assistance Funding to Benefit Iowans in Need***

(DES MOINES) –The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that Iowa has been awarded more than \$8.8 million in federal funds to support homelessness assistance initiatives through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program.

HUD's CoC program provides critically needed support to local programs on the front lines of serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

"Iowa's joint applications for the highly-competitive federal program requested \$9 million and were awarded \$8.8 million. To receive 98 percent of the funding requested is a testament to the successful collaborative effort of the many partners throughout the state who established strong funding priorities," said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. "These funds will soon be making a very real impact on the lives of Iowans in need."

The CoC competition allows planning organizations (called Continuums of Care or CoCs) to apply for the program through one annual consolidated application.

In Iowa, there are three CoCs, including Des Moines/Polk County, Sioux City/Woodbury County and the Iowa Balance of State CoC, which covers the rest of the state with the exception of Council Bluffs, as it is included in the Omaha CoC. The Iowa Finance Authority provides administrative support for the Iowa Council on Homelessness, which oversees the Balance of State CoC.

"The CoC program funding awarded to the Des Moines/Polk County CoC will make an impact on many Central Iowans," said Polk County CoC Board Executive Director Mark Phillips. "The Polk County CoC will disperse the funds to numerous programs in Polk County to support rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing projects.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 17,301 Iowans experienced homelessness or were at-risk of homelessness in 2015.

*The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority's role has grown to include 40 affordable housing, water quality and beginning farmer programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for Iowans.*

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## FY 2016 Iowa Continuum of Care Awards

<b>Iowa Balance of State CoC</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Eastern Iowa Regional Rapid Rehousing CoC	\$96,741
Eastern Iowa Regional Rapid Rehousing II CoC	\$47,938
HACAP Housing First CoCR	\$333,736
Hightower Place Women and Children Transitional Program CoCR	\$106,208
Housing First CoCR	\$66,732
HUD II CoCR	\$370,542
HUD V CoCR	\$169,962
IA-501 CoC Planning Application FY2016 CoC	\$218,116
Iowa Balance of State Coordinated Entry Project CoC	\$400,000
Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Needs Toolkit 2016 CoCR	\$346,578
Lighthouse Transitional Living Program CoCR	\$194,737
New Hope Transitional Living Program CoCR	\$132,205
Northeast Iowa Permanent Housing Program CoCR	\$202,312
Passport to Independence CoCR	\$227,223
Pathway 2 Independence CoCR	\$36,855
Permanent Housing CoCR	\$98,646
Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless CoCR	\$116,342
Phoenix Housing Special Needs Assistance CoCR	\$78,691
Rapid Housing Initiative of North Iowa CoCR	\$179,635
Rapid Rehousing CoC	\$218,849
Service Coordination through Collaboration for Permanent Housing CoCR	\$142,646
Shelter House Rapid Rehousing Services CoCR	\$474,377
STAARS CoCR	\$161,945
Turning Point Rural Housing Project CoCR	\$261,658
YWCA Rapid Rehousing Program CoCR	\$72,762
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,755,436</b>
<b>Des Moines/Polk County CoC</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Anawim S+C2016 CoCR	\$916,051
AnawimHOP(2)2016 CoC	\$324,146
AnawimII 2016 CoCR	\$271,711
AnawimPSH(1)H2H2016 CoCR	\$211,016
AnawimPSH(1)HOP2016 CoCR	\$450,305
CoC Planning Project 2016 CoC	\$93,622
House of Mercy Capitol2016 CoCR	\$229,860
IHYC Lighthouse 2016 CoCR	\$226,743
IHYC Youth Rapid Rehousing CoC	\$155,706
Iowa Institute HMIS 2016 CoCR	\$108,419
Primary Health Care Rapid Rehousing(1)2016 CoCR	\$199,500
Primary Rapid Rehousing (2)2016 CoCR	\$79,119

West Des Moines Rapid Rehousing 2016 CoCR	\$103,816
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,370,014</b>
<b>Sioux City/Dakota, Woodbury Counties CoC</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Bridges West Transitional Housing CoCR	\$130,609
Crossroads Shelter CoCR	\$124,292
Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Needs Toolkit CoCR	\$43,156
Project Help PSH CoC	\$48,813
Rapid Rehousing Project CoC	\$179,502
Siouxland Coordinated Entry 2016 CoCR	\$186,608
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$712,980</b>
<b>Statewide Total:</b>	<b>\$8,838,430</b>

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